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who want to continue the institutions so that by the close of the Second Five-Year Plan, Malabar may attain the stage of cent per cent literacy? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am glad, Sir, an ambitious target is being placed before us. But we will have to take steps according to the resources available with us. As far as the small grant to the social workers as such are concerned, I shall consider the matter.''

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" இந்த முதியோர் கல்வித் திட்டத்துக்காக கொடுக்கப்பட்டு வந்த பணத்தை நிறுத்தி விட்டதாகத் தெரிவிக்கிறார்கள். ஆகவே முதியோர்களுக்கெல்லாம் கல்வி அளிக்கப்படடு விட்டது என்று நினைப்பா ? அல்லது முதியவர்கள் இன்னும் படிக்க வேண்டும் என்று அர்த்தமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This is with reference to the adult education schools and I have already explained the present policy of the Government with reference to adult education, namely, that it is better to tackle adult illiteracy at any early stage rather than to take up men of 40 to 50 years who may be of no use at all.''

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" இந்த முதியோர் கல்விக் கொள்கையை வாலிப வயதிலேயே தீர்க்கவேண்டும் என்பதற்காக சர்க்கார் கொள்கையை மாற்றியிருப்பதாக மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவிக்கிறார்கள். ஆனால் தேசிய வளர்ப்பு திட்டமும் சமுதாய நல அபிவிருத்தி திட்டமும் அமலில் இருக்கக்கூடிய பிரதேசத்தில் இக்கொள்கை கையாளப்படுகிறது. மற்றப் பிரதேசங்களிலோ அடியோடு விட்டுவிடப்படுகிறது. வயதானவர்கள் எல்லோருக்கும் கல்வி அளிக்க முடியாவிட்டாலும் மற்ற பிரதேசங்களில் உள்ள வாலிபர்களுக்கு கல்வி வசதி அளிக்க தக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா அல்லது இரண்டாவது ஐந்து வருஷ திட்டம் முடியும் வரை காத்திருக்க வேண்டுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. தேசிய விஸ்தரிப்புத் திட்டம் மற்ற இடங்களில் பரவும்போது அங்கு பள்ளிக்கூடங்கள் நிறுவ ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்படும். அடுத்த மூன்று நான்கு வருஷத்தில் எல்லா இடங்களிலும் இம்மாதிரி செய்வார்கள்."

Employees of Feroke Tile Works and Madura Engineering Works.

* 1914 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representations from the Members of the Legislative Assembly or trade unions to the effect that the Feroke Tile Works and Madura Engineering Works have refused to pay allowance due to workers for the ' lay-off ' period on the ground that the Government have not yet sent a reply to a reference made by them on the point;

(b) if so, why the reply has not yet been given;

(c) whether the Government have received any report from the Collector of Malabar with regard to the workers' strike in June-July in Feroke Tile Works and Madura Engineering Works; and

(d) if so, the gist of the report and the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) A reply has since been sent to the management of Feroke Tile Works, Feroke, on 26th April 1955, to the effect that their request to declare this factory as seasonal under section 25-A (2) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, cannot be complied with.

" (*c*) No, Sir.

" (*d*) Does not arise."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are Government aware that in spite of the reply that has been sent by the Government to the management declaring that Government cannot comply with the request of the management to treat the Tile Works as a seasonal one, the management did not pay the lay-off wages and also did not implement the agreement reached by the management and workers before the Collector of Malabar? The situation there is worsening and the workers are compelled to resort to direct action. Therefore will the Government see that without such a situation developing there, the rights of the workers to which they are legally entitled are granted without further delay?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" A report from the Commissioner has been called for and on receipt of the report, necessary action will be taken in the matter."

Improvements to the Government Hospital, Coimbatore.

* 1915 *Q.*—SRI R. KUPPUSWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any proposals have been sent by the Advisory Committee of the Government Hospital, Coimbatore, to the Government regarding improvements to the Government hospital; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Advisory Committee has made the following recommendations to the Director of Medical Services :—

(i) Construction of quarters for Nursing Orderlies.

(ii) Construction of an additional hundred bedded ward.

(iii) Raising the bed-strength of the hospital from 366 to 500.

(iv) Provision of a Steam Laundry.

(v) Provision of an additional consulting room in the O.P. Department.

(vi) Acquisition of the adjoining land for the future expansion of the hospital.

(vii) To approach the local Municipality for sanctioning a contribution of Rs. 25,000 for the construction of a Children's ward."